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**PATENT**  
**Docket No. GC372**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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Timothy Fowler et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1802
	)	
Serial No. 08/876,132	)	
	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: June 23, 1997	)	
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For: Improved <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	)	
Fermentation Strains	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please consider and enter the following comments and amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the attached Sequence Listing after as pages 13-16.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please renumber the claims as pages 17 and 18. Please renumber the Abstract as page 19.

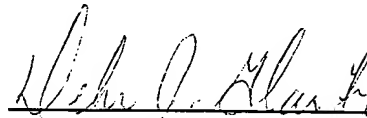
**REMARKS**

Applicants are amending the above-identified application pursuant to the Notice to Comply With the Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosure. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments and respectfully request that these amendments be entered into the above-identified application.

The appropriate fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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